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TREATING TISSUE SAMPLESTO: Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE
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Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Amend claims 45 to 57 as follows:

45. (Amended) A composition for enhancing antigenicity of a formaldehyde fixed, paraffin-embedded, tissue, the composition comprising:

A buffered solution of about .01 moles of trisodium citrate dihydrate, and about 1000 milliliters of water; about 18.5 milliliters of a mixture by weight about 5.8% ethylene glycol monobutyl ether, about 3.75% nonylphenol ethoxylate, about 1.5% tetrapotassium pyrophosphate and about 88.95% water; and

the solution having a pH being between about 5.96 and about 6.04.

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